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SUBJECT:LEAKAGE OF COMMERCIAL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN
COCOM EXCEPTION REQUESTS

REF: (1) COCOM DOC(76)1815, (2) COCOM DOC SEC (74)6, ET AL

1) USDEL IS REQUESTED TO MAKE A STRONG ORAL STATEMENT IN
THE COMMITTEE, SUPPLEMENTED BY A MEMORANDUM FOR THE COCOM
RECORD, CONDEMNING THE LEAKAGE TO NATIONAL FIRMS OF
CONFIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN EXCEPTION
REQUEST DOCUMENTATION. HE SHOULD NOTE THAT OTHER DELE-
GATIONS HAVE PERIODICALLY RAISED THIS MATTER BUT THAT
INSTANCES OF THIS NATURE CONTINUE TO OCCUR AND THIS CANNOT
BUT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE COMMITTEE'S REPUTATION FOR
ADHERING TO ITS CONFIDENTIALITY RULES AND HENCE ITS
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EFFECTIVENESS. THE CONTINUED LEAKAGE OF COMMERCIAL
INFORMATION TO COMPETING FIRMS LOCATED IN THE MEMBER
COUNTRIES COULD WELL RESULT IN CALCULATED MISSTATEMENTS IN
EXCEPTION REQUESTS, MOTIVATED BY THE DESIRE TO PROTECT
BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION WITH THE RESULT THAT
OTHER NATIONAL AUTHORITIES WILL LACK THE DATA UPON WHICH
TO MAKE SOUND JUDGMENTS, PARTICULARLY THE MILITARY

CONTRIBUTION A SPECIFIC TRANSACTION WOULD MAKE TO THE PROSCRIBED DESTINATIONS. THIS, IN TURN, COULD BE

COUNTERPRODUCTIVE IN THAT THE OTHER MEMBERS MIGHT FIND IT NECESSARY TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WITH THE RESULT BEING FURTHER DELAYS IN THE COMPLETION OF THE EXCEPTIONS PROCEDURE.

2) FYI ONLY: THE CAUSE FOR THIS REPRESENTATION IS A REPORT FROM CUTLER-HAMMER THAT THE FRENCH LEAKED THE DETAILED INFORMATION CONTAINED IN ATTACHMENT 1 OF REF 1 TO COMPETING FRENCH FIRMS. YOUR PRESENTATION SHOULD NOT BE LINKED TO THE US TRANSACTION. USDEL WILL RECALL THAT THE US RECEIVED CRITICISM FROM COCOM IN 1974-75 WHEN, ON COURT ORDER, IT RELEASED A SERIES OF COCOM DOCUMENTS CONTAINING OTHER MEMBER LIST REVIEW PROPOSALS AND OTHER FORMS OF COMMERCIAL-USE INFORMATION TO IBM (REF 2) AND SHOULD BE PREPARED TO REBUT CHALLENGES THAT US HANDS ARE NOT TOO CLEAN RE LEAKING INFORMATION. IF THE LEAKAGE OF COCOM COMMERCIAL INFORMATION CONTINUES, HOWEVER, WE MAY BE FORCED TO CURTAIL THE AMOUNT OF DATA CONTAINED IN US EXCEPTIONS DOCUMENTS AND RUN THE RISK OF DELAYS CAUSED BY REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. (END FYI) CHRISTOPHER

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